

## **JOHN DICKINSON HOUSE**

Kitts Hummock Road, southeast of Dover

John Dickinson earned the tide "Penman of the Revolution" through political writings such as *Letter from a Pennsylvania Farmer* (1767) and lyrics to *The Liberty Song* (1768). Dickinson was one of Delaware's five delegates who signed the Constitution, and it was largely due to his influence that Delaware was the first state to ratify it on December 7, 1787. Dickinson inherited the early Georgian style house in 1760 and constructed several additions prior to his death in 1808. Although a disastrous fire in 1804 consumed the original 1740 section, Dickinson reconstructed the dwelling. The property has been a state historic museum since 1956.